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Brent Kay, Superintendent for the Orange Southwest Supervisory Union Named 2014 Vermont Superintendent of the Year

Montpelier - Brent Kay, Superintendent for the Orange Southwest Supervisory Union (serving the communities of Randolph, Brookfield, and Braintree), has been selected as the Vermont Superintendent of the Year for 2014 by the [Vermont Superintendents Association](http://www.vtvsa.org) (VSA). Dr. Kay was presented with the Frederick H. Tuttle Superintendent of the Year Award at the annual meeting of the Association on May 22, 2014.

Superintendent Kay was recognized for his exemplary leadership at the community, state, and national levels. Dr. Kay, who is one of Vermont's longer serving superintendents, was lauded for his strong emphasis on promoting individualized learning, efficient fiscal management, and overall leadership within the schools and communities that he serves. Dr. Kay has led the [Orange Southwest Supervisory Union](http://www.vtvsa.org) (OSSU) since 2002. Kay has also made significant contributions to public education in Vermont and has been an active leader for the Vermont Superintendents Association working on matters of state and federal education policy.

Dr. Kay was acknowledged for his commitment to excellence in the OSSU, where he has worked with students, staff, faculty, and school boards to create an organizational culture emphasizing high quality opportunities for students, strong value for taxpayers and camaraderie among the entire school community.

At the state level, Dr. Kay has served as Trustee and President of the Vermont Superintendents Association. He has also been active in mentoring other school leaders and in supporting school communities statewide.

In presenting the award, Chittenden South Supervisory Union Superintendent and VSA President Elaine Pinckney remarked on the dedication and sincerity with which Dr. Kay approaches his work. "In every situation where I have observed Brent, he is always willing to tackle difficult issues head-on. His commitment to children is unsurpassed, as is his devotion to assuring that equity and efficiency are at the forefront of every decision."

In accepting the award, Superintendent Kay stated, "I am fortunate to serve communities that truly appreciate and support public education. Moreover, I am surrounded by excellent board members and staff that focus on serving all students."

Laura Soares, former board member and chair of the Orange Southwest Supervisory Union, who served with Brent from 2002 to 2014 spoke about Kay's accomplishments. "Brent excels in developing efficient systems to support and sustain learning opportunities for students. He develops deep connections in our communities, builds leadership at every level, and supports the

boards in governing with excellence on behalf of their communities. Brent inspires and assists every person, from community member, board member, administrator, teacher, staff and student, to be their very best. I know I speak for our boards and communities in congratulating Brent on this well-deserved award."

As Vermont's Superintendent of the Year, Dr. Kay will represent Vermont in the National Superintendent of the Year competition conducted by the [American Association of School Administrators](#) (AASA).

The [Frederick H. Tuttle Superintendent of the Year](#) recognition commemorates the life and contributions of long-time South Burlington Superintendent Frederick H. Tuttle. The criteria for the award include outstanding educational leadership at the local, regional, and state levels and a commitment to public education and children of Vermont.

Learn more about the Vermont Superintendents Association here: <http://www.vtvsa.org/>.

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